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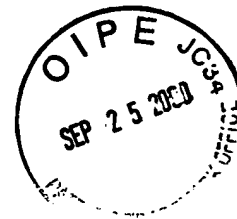
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Docket: 11379

For: META SEARCH ENGINE

Dated: September 21, 2000



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated August 29, 2000, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group I. i.e., Claims 1-73, for continued prosecution herein.

Claims 1-78 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following inventions are present in the claims:

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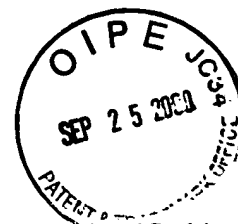
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Group I, Claims 1-73 are drawn to text and image search engines, classified in class 707, subclass 10.

Group II, Claim 74 is drawn to a filtering search engine, classified in class 707, subclass 5.

Group III, Claims 75-78 are drawn to specific form of query, such as morphological variants, classified in class 704, subclass 4.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups I, II and III are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-73. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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